

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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This amendment addresses the concern of Patti Seger and Mike Murray that a court may order unsupervised electronic communication to a parent whose physical placement is supervised. The amendment simply requires that, if the parent's physical placement with the child is supervised, any electronic communication that the court grants must be supervised, too. It does not address the reason why the physical placement was supervised, so it may go beyond any type of abuse (domestic or child).

I did not amend s. 767.24 (6) (g) 2. and 3., which relate to supervised physical placement in the case of domestic abuse, because then it would seem that I should really add "and electronic communication" to every place in the statutes where "physical placement" occurs. Since the main part of the amendment, which is the additional sentence at the end of SECTION 5 of the bill [s. 767.24 (4) (e)], requires both to be supervised if physical placement is, s. 767.24 (6) (g) 2. does not need to be amended, and the court may require a party to pay the costs of supervised electronic communication under s. 767.24 (6) (g) 8.

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